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IMPLEMENTATION OF MPLAD SCHEME
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Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plan for orientation of the district officers and other officers engaged in the implementation of MPLAD Scheme in the light of the revised MPLAD guidelines;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to ensure that the district officers work in a transparent, accountable and effective manner in the implementation of the MPLAD Scheme?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE), IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI G.K. VASAN)

(a)&(b) Yes sir. As per MPLAD Scheme guidelines, every State/UT Government is required to make arrangements for training of the district officers concerned with the implementation of the MPLAD Scheme. Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation provides training materials for conducting such training of district officers, as and when these are organized by the State/UT Governments.

During 2006-07 such trainings were organized by the States of UP, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Chhatisgarh, Haryana and Tamil Nadu.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The Guidelines on the MPLAD Scheme ensure financial discipline, greater transparency and increased accountability as fund release is linked to receipt of Monthly Progress Reports, Utilization Certificates and Audit Certificates.

The progress of the Scheme is periodically reviewed at the Central and State/UT level. Each district has been asked to upload the progress of implementation on the web-site of Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation. Physical Monitoring of MPLADS works by an independent agency has also been initiated to further strengthen transparency and accountability under the Scheme.